

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 2 through 48. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Original) A method of decontaminating a gas intended for use in photolithography and metrology to remove from the gas or reduce the concentration in the gas of a contaminant which interferes with light transmittance, which comprises removing said contaminant from the gas by passing the gas through a body of decontaminant comprising 10 to 80 percent by volume of an electropositive metal component; 10 to 80 percent by volume of a high silica zeolite; and 10 to 80 percent by volume of a late transition metal compound, wherein each component comprises at least 10 percent by volume of said composition and the total of the components equals 100 percent by volume.
- 2-48. Cancelled.